

South Fork Flathead Watershed/Westslope Cutthroat Trout Conservation  
Project  
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I think the plan to eliminate non-native fish from alpine lakes in the South Fork of the Flathead Basin is flawed. While the idea is sound, the biggest question is what will be used to restock the fishery. If we could be assured of restocking with genetically pure West Slope Cutthroat this would be a viable plan. Unfortunately, I did not see in the plan what hatchery stock they will replant with. If the wrong hatchery stock is used the risk of hybridization is the same as now with a lot of money wasted.

Respectfully submitted,  
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